

September 8, 2015

MINUTES of the a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey held on the 25th day of August at 7:00 P.M Secaucus Municipal Government Center, 1203 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, NJ in Chamber II.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The following statement was read by Town Clerk, Michael Marra:

"Adequate notice for this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, has been provided by the filing of the notice of Meetings with the Municipal Clerk, the posting of said notice on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and the delivery of same to the Secaucus Home News on December 25, 2014.

This body wishes to advise you that in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:23-11.1, et seq. of the Indoor Air Quality Standards and Procedures for Buildings Occupied by Public Employees, smoking anywhere in this public building is prohibited by law.

Present:	Councilmembers:	Michael Gonnelli
		Gary Jeffas
		Robert Costantino
		William McKeever
		James Clancy
		Susan Pirro
		Mark Dehnert

The first item on the agenda is as follows:

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2015-43

ORDINANCE ADOPTING MEADOWLAND COMMISSION MASTER PLAN,
ZONING REGULATION AND CODES AND STANDARDS

Councilwoman Pirro moved that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion
carried.

Public hearing for this ordinance will be on October 13, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA-RESOLUTIONS

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Mayor and Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

The following resolution was read: No. 2015-304

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus hereby approve the Agreement between the Town of Secaucus and Chief of Police Kevin Flaherty, attached hereto and authorize Town Administrator, David Drumeler, Esq., to sign same.

The following resolution was read: No. 2015-312

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Megan Kelly is hereby appointed to the Social Services Department, effective August 31, 2015, at the hourly rate of \$10.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tara Acquaviva is also hereby appointed to the Social Services Department, effective August 31, 2015, at the annual salary of \$27,600.00.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-313

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for and receive bids for Alterations to the Secaucus Senior Center.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-314

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS APPROVING VETERAN AND SENIOR
CITIZEN/DISABLED DEDUCTIONS FOR SPECIFIC PERSONS

WHEREAS, It has been determined by the Tax Assessor that the below listed taxpayer within the Town of Secaucus is entitled to a Widow Veteran Deduction and a Senior Citizen Deduction for the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the deductions are not listed on the 2015 Tax Duplicate.

WHEREAS, the total deduction approved by the Tax Assessor is in the amount of \$500.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BEIT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that approval is given for the Tax Collector to adjust the 4th quarter final bill for 2015 to reflect the Veteran Deduction and the Senior Citizen Deduction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer of the Town of Secaucus.

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	NAME/ADDRESS	TYPE OF DEDUCTION	AMOUNT
218	36		Schmitt, R	Senior/Widow	\$250.00
				15 Luhmann Terr.	\$250.00
					\$500.00

The following resolution was read:

No.2015-315

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to grant received from NJDEP Coastal Resiliency Grant where a cash match is required and no adequate provision was made in 2015 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A.40A:4-48 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of emergency appropriation created including the appropriation to be created by this resolution \$75,000.00 and three percent of the total operating appropriation in the budget year 2015 is \$1,328,515.66.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48,

1. An emergency appropriation be and the same for NJDEP Coastal Resiliency-Cash Match \$75,000.00
2. The said emergency appropriation shall be provided for full in the 2016 budget and is requested to be excluded from Caps pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-35/3C(1).
3. That two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-316

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to grant received from NJDEP Coastal Resiliency Grant where a cash match is required and no adequate provision was made in 2015 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A.40A:4-48 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of emergency appropriation created including the appropriation to be created by this resolution \$228,556.00 and three percent of the total operating appropriation in the budget year 2015 is \$1,328,515.66.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48,

1. An emergency appropriation be and the same for :
FEMA Hazard Mitigation-Cash Match \$228,556.00
2. The said emergency appropriation shall be provided for full in the 2016 budget and is requested to be excluded from Caps pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-35/3C(1).
3. That two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-317

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to grant received from NJDEP Coastal Resiliency Grant where a cash match is required and no adequate provision was made in 2015 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of emergency appropriation created including the appropriation to be created by this resolution \$3,513.00 and three percent of the total operating appropriation in the budget year 2015 is \$1,328,515.66.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48,

1. An emergency appropriation be and the same for:
Department of Health and Human Services Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program-Cash Match \$3,513.00.
2. The said emergency appropriation shall be provided for full in the 2016 budget and is requested to be excluded from Caps pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-35/3C(1).
3. That two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-318

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS AND SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus values the health and well-being of all our residents and supports awareness of the special needs of children suffering from any illness or life threatening disease; and

WHEREAS, The Valerie Fund, a not-for-profit organization established nearly 40 years ago by New Jersey residents Sue and Ed Goldstein, in memory of their nine-year old daughter Valerie, has enlisted the support of the residents of Secaucus in a Campaign to recognize September as Childhood Cancer and Sickle Cell Disease Awareness month; and

WHEREAS, The Valerie Fund Children's Centers comprise the largest network of health care facilities in New Jersey with Centers located in top pediatric hospitals in the metropolitan area treating nearly 4,000 children with cancer and blood disorders; and

WHEREAS, the hallmark The Valerie Fund is the compassionate, healing services by social workers, child life specialists, educational liaisons, psychologists and specialists in integrative medicine and palliative care provided close to the patient's home and without insurance constraints; and

WHEREAS, while the efforts of organizations and medical institutions presently at the forefront of research in the field of childhood cancer and advances being made in the treatment of Sickle Cell disease have extended and positively impacted the lives of many of these children, it is essential that we collaborate to ensure that this trend continues;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus do hereby resolve that September be observed as Childhood Cancer and Sickie Cell Disease Awareness month in the Town of Secaucus.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-319

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to auction off vehicles and/or equipment that are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following vehicles and equipment shall be put up for auction at the following minimum bid prices:

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>
1) 1986 Ford VIN# 1FDKE30LXFHB71964	\$500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the auction of these items shall occur online on the auction site govdeals.com.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the auction for the above listed items will start on Friday, September 11, 2015 and end on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at 6:00pm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all property will be sold in an "as-is" condition.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-320

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, that the following individuals are reappointed as After Care Counselors for the 2015-2016 School Year, pending successful completion of a physical examination, effective Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at the following hourly rates:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Patricia Brown	\$17.36
Ashley Buesing	\$9.68
Margaret Claudio	\$13.03
Joann DePaolo	\$11.40
Michelle DiDomenico	\$9.00
Lillian P. Dubiel	\$17.36
Donna Ferrando	\$9.23
Pamela M. Fuardo	\$13.03
Sylvia M. Garcia	\$10.25
Roxanne Gill	\$9.41
Joseph A. Griffo, Sr.	\$9.23
Sheila D. Hundevadt	\$9.23
Denise Imperato	\$17.36
Mary F. Logan	\$10.25
Marieme S. Niang	\$9.23
Mary A. Nitschke	\$9.41
Anna Pascarello	\$9.23
Kelly Pein	\$9.41
Angela Peko	\$9.41
Karen E. Rand	\$9.41
Caroline H. Sanducci	\$13.03
Lorraine Thompson	\$11.94
Lauren P. Torracco	\$9.41
Donna Waiver	\$12.77
Rosemary Walker	\$13.03

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, that the following individuals are newly appointed as After Care Counselors for the 2015-2016 School Year, pending successful completion of a physical examination effective Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at the following hourly rates:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
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Karen Collison	\$9.00
Valerie Kowaleski	\$9.00
Amber Maurin	\$9.00
Melissa Morano	\$9.00
Doreen Morgan	\$9.00
Barbara Ponti	\$9.00
Nicole Prumes	\$9.00
Michael Sciscilo	\$9.00
Evelyn Torres	\$9.00

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-321

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Anthony DeRienzo is hereby appointed as a Part Time employee in the Board of Health, effective Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at the rate of \$10.00/hour.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-322

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Bisera Vergieva is hereby appointed as a Part Time employee in the Administrative & Executive Department, effective Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at the rate of \$10.00/hour.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-323

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Sarah Bologna is hereby appointed as a Part Time employee in the Municipal Court, effective Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at the rate of \$12.00/hour.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-324

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that, pending successful completion of a physical examination, the following four people are hereby appointed as Relief School Crossing Guards with a starting date of September 8, 2015 at the following rate of pay:

Catherine Addesso	\$23.25 per shift
Jessica Coleman	\$23.25 per shift
Sandra Echeverry	\$23.25 per shift
Kathleen Fearon	\$23.25 per shift

The following resolution was read:

No. 2015-325

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, that the proposal for a Video Surveillance System in Buchmuller Park that were due to be received on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 have been postponed to be received on Wednesday September 30.

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The following resolution as read:

No. 2015-326

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus wishes to appoint a licensed attorney to review and recommend documents to be produced as a result of Open Public Record Requests within the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus wishes to hire an attorney with the appropriate license and with the skills and expertise in these particular requests; and

WHEREAS, Michael Bukatman Esq., possesses these attributes; and

WHEREAS, after review and discussion the Mayor and Council determined to whom a contract should be awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that a contract for Professional Services be awarded through the non-fair and open process as set forth below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator and/or Town Clerk shall be authorized to execute a contract for Professional Services and execute any other documents or take any action to fulfill this resolution as follows:

Michael Bukatman, Esq., at an annual rate of \$9,500.00 to be paid 12 equal monthly payments, effective January 1, 2015.

Financial officers
Certification attached.

Councilman Dehnert moved that the foregoing resolutions on the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

BINGO/RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

R-1361 Unico National Secaucus- Off-Premise Draw Raffle
R-1362 Mark Vogel Memorial Foundation, Inc,-On-Premise 50/50
R-1363 American Legion Post 118 Secaucus Memorial-Instant Raffle

Councilwoman Pirro moved that the foregoing applications be approved, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion
carried.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 1) Request from Susan G. Komen to tie pink ribbons on trees to support the fight against breast cancer.
- 2) Request from Sheila Witrock on behalf of the Cub Scouts to use Schmidt's Woods.
- 3) Request by Sheetal Nagpal to use the Nutrition Center.

Councilman Clancy moved to approve the foregoing requests, seconded by Councilwoman Pirro.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion
carried.

Acceptance of the resignation of Michael Valente from the Secaucus Municipal Utilities Authority.

Councilman Clancy moved to approve the foregoing requests, seconded by Councilman Dehnert.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion
carried.

Acceptance of Victor Rodrigues as a Probationary member of the Engine Co. #3

effective September 3, 2015.

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Acceptance of the resignation of Richard Johnson from the Secaucus Fire Department.

Councilman Jeffas moved to approve the foregoing requests, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Gonnelli

ABSENT: None

Motion
carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Jeffas reminded residents that tomorrow is the first day of school and spoke about the new traffic patterns at the high school.

Mayor Gonnelli said there has been an addition of two new crossing guard posts to help during the construction.

Councilman Costantino spoke about the Complete Street Policy and explained what that entails.

Mayor Gonnelli added comments to this issue.

Councilman Clancy spoke about the Volunteer Fire Department and gave an update on the number of calls. He also spoke about the Exceptional People of Secaucus program.

Mayor Gonnelli spoke about the program also.

Councilwoman Pirro gave details on many upcoming events.

Councilman Dehnert spoke about upcoming recreation events.

Councilman McKeever spoke about a grant that was received that will be used for improvements to the Senior Center.

Mayor Gonnelli spoke about a Planning Grant that Secaucus will be included in. He also spoke about wildfire in the west as well as New Jersey and explained how these grants help.

Councilman Costantino commented that the Environmental Coordinator will be working towards getting to the goal of obtaining the grant.

Mayor Gonnelli added that the Town has planted many trees and many were lost due to the severe heat.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Jeffas spoke of the Feast being held by Immaculate Conception Church. He also spoke about parking issues and the Small Business meeting that was held.

Councilman Costantino spoke the opening of school as well as the Town Shuttle bus that is available to students.

Councilman Clancy reminded residents about the Flu vaccination that are available.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about a Prescription Take Back Day on September 26, 2015.

Councilman Dehnert offered information on upcoming events.

Councilman McKeever spoke about an upcoming event for the seniors.

Mayor Gonnelli spoke about the extension of the Riverwalk.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Costantino gave details on upcoming events.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about the needs of the Food Pantry. She also spoke about the Pet Calendar.

Mayor Gonnelli spoke about the September 11 memorial service.

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Town Administrator, David Drumeler spoke about an upcoming charitable golf outing.

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Donald Evanson
Bruce Naszimento

Councilman Clancy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion
carried.

Michael Marra, Town Clerk